



MEETING MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Commission February 15, 2017

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chair Palmer called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 6:31 p.m. Commissioners Present: Chair Palmer, Vice Chair Davis, Gonzales, Greenberg, Melendrez, Nigel, Salazar, Zamattia. Absent: Youth Representative, Charlene Smith. Staff: Burns, Venezia and Aker.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: MSC Nigel/Davis** for approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MSC Greenberg/Salazar** for approval of the minutes. Approved unanimously. Commissioner Melendrez abstained.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
6. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
7. **CONDUCT OF BUSINESS:**
 - a. Receive Report and Provide Input on the 60% Design of the Earl-Glenview Park- Director Burns presented the 60% drawings for the design of Earl-Glenview Park. The drawings were made available on the city website and letters were sent to the Earl-Glenview neighborhood inviting them to the meeting to review the design as well as asking for input through email if they were unable to attend the meeting. Staff would take the input received and return to the Commission with 90% drawings in the next few months with the objective of starting construction in early summer and having the park completed in fall 2017.
Brendan O’Conner, 1646 Claremont Drive, commented that he loved the design but would like to advocate for a barrier between the grass and road for safety.
Tom Klick, 1371 Claremont Drive, asked if the curb seating wall would include any element to prevent skateboarding on the surface. Director Burns replied that the wall would include cleats.
Carolyn Gray, 1101 Fairmont Drive, loved that the design reflected the scaled down version the community requested but is still concerned about the maintenance of the park.
Michael Zastrow, 1661 Claremont Drive, asked staff to make sure that they

have proper gopher abatement in place for the natural turf.

Commissioner Salazar commented that he liked the design but not the seating area near the entry. He also asked if it was possible for handicap accessible play structures to be put in.

Commissioner Greenberg said she liked the layout of the park but would prefer swings in the smaller play area.

Commissioner Davis commented that the design was beautiful but was concerned with how the City would keep up with the cost of maintenance for the park and would like staff to report in the future on this. She also said that she would rather have swings in place of the spinners and play houses. Lastly, she would like to see a safety barrier in place from the lawn area to the street.

Commissioner Nigel liked the design and agreed that safety barriers need to be put in place in the lawn area.

Commissioner Gonzales thanked staff for the design and listening to the neighborhood's input. Safety is a concern for her in the grass area as well as a replacement for the spinners. She also did not like the stone seating in the entry to the park and would prefer to see bench seating. She also said the addition of the sports court makes the park more open to kids of all ages and that is important for the neighborhood.

- b. Receive Report and Provide Input on the 60% Design of the Florida Avenue Park- Director Burns presented the 60% drawings for the Florida Avenue Park. The drawings were made available on the city website and letters were sent to the Florida Avenue neighborhood inviting them to the meeting to review the design as well as asking for input through email if they were unable to attend the meeting. Staff would take all the input received and return to the Commission with 90% drawings in the next few months with the objective of starting construction in early summer and having the park completed in fall 2017. She also reminded the Commission that park names have not been discussed yet and will be discussed. She added that both the Florida Avenue Park and Earl-Glenview Park have an organic design and play areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12. This park also includes an adult exercise area and a lounge area as requested by the neighborhood during the planning process.

Tim O'Brien, Florida Avenue, expressed his concerns regarding getting proper signage around the new parks as well as existing parks to caution drivers to slow down.

Alejandra Meza, 125 Martin Place, requested staff have a plan in place for dealing with rodents and animal life currently living in the Florida property once demolition takes place and they are forced out.

Tom Click, 1371 Claremont, commented that the Florida Avenue Park seating walls should be offered to the Earl-Glenview Park.

Commissioner Gonzalez said that she liked the design but not the lounge area and didn't see a need for that in a park. She would also like to see a sign on CPR added to the heart signs near the entrance to the park.

Commissioner Davis suggested the name "Cupid Park" for the Florida Avenue Park due to its proximity to the streets in the shape of heart. She asked for consideration of a speed bump on Taylor Avenue to get cars to slow down near the park. She preferred to have play equipment in place of a lounge area.

Commissioner Melendrez said he loved the adult exercise equipment but would like to make sure there is signage that states the equipment is for teens and adults.

Commissioner Salazar said that this was an amazing use of space in a park and although he does not like the lounge chairs or lounge area it is part of what

the neighborhood requested during the neighborhood outreach meetings and for that reason the Commission should keep it in the design.

Chair Palmer agreed with Commissioner Salazar on the great utilization of space for the Florida Park and thanked staff for the presentation. He thanked the neighborhood for their engagement during the planning process and for coming to the meeting.

Director Burns followed up by saying she would contact the design company with the input from tonight's meeting and would come back to the Commission with 90% drawings.

8. **EXCLUDED CONSENT:** None.

9. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:** Director Burns reported that City Council unanimously supported moving forward with the construction of a new recreation center, year around pool, new City Park restrooms, and the painting of the Recreation Center. Staff will be issuing a request for proposals for a design firm to create plans for a new recreation center and year around pool. **Chair Palmer** asked if staff would be looking for more community input in the design and Director Burns replied that there would be meetings for community input on the amenities. Director Burns also reminded the Commission that the annual CPRS Annual Conference was coming up from February 28 through March 3, 2017.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

11. **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS AND SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

a. Subcommittee Updates – None.

b. Report from Commissioners – **Commissioner Nigel** suggested that the Adopt-a-Park subcommittee look into the possibility of having a group adopt the canyon located near the upcoming Earl-Glenview Park. **Commissioner Greenberg** reported that the San Bruno Junior Giants had received the "Platinum Recognition" from the San Francisco Giants organization. She praised the Senior Center employees and Board Members for the great programs offered at the Senior Center. **Commissioner Gonzales** commented that she was pleased with the approval of the painting of the Recreation Center. She also asked staff when the bollards would be put in at Commodore Park and Director Burns said she would follow up with Supervisor Dan Venezia on the project.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no other business to be conducted, **Chair Palmer** adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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